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PETROLEUM MINISTRY ESTABLISHED IN AZERBAJDZHAN SSR

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The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR, acting on the proposal of the Council of Ministers USSR, has changed the Ministry of Petroleum Industry USSR from an all-union to a union-republic ministry. At the same time, the presidium established a Ministry of Petroleum Industry in the Azerbaijan SSR and transferred to it control over all petroleum enterprises, organizations, and installations in the Azerbaijan Republic.(1)

Speaking before a meeting of the republic's oil workers, Baybakov, Minister of Petroleum Industry USSR, stated that the decision to establish an oil ministry in Azerbaijan resulted from the anxiety of the party and government regarding the republic's basic industry (2), and the intent to expand it.(3)

Suleyman Azad Ogla Vezirov has been appointed by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Azerbaijan SSR as minister of the newly established ministry.(4) A person named Vezirov was reported in a September 1953 source as manager of the Azizbekovneft' Trust of Azneft' Association.(5) A source in August 1954, after establishment of the ministry, also reported a Vezirov as manager of this trust.(6)

Aleksander Petrovich Karasev has been appointed by the Council of Ministers Azerbaijan SSR as first deputy minister of the new ministry. Appointed at the same time as deputy ministers were Enver Nazarovich Alikhanov, Ilal Mamedovich Asadov, and Teymur Guseynovich Kasumov.(7) Karasev had been chief of the Azneft' Association (8), while Asadov had been its chief engineer.(9)

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Kasumov had formerly been chief of Azterupravleniye (Azerbaijdzhan Territorial Administration) of Glavzapadneftestroy (Main Administration for Construction in the Western Region Petroleum Industry) of the Ministry of Petroleum Industry USSR.(10)

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